

Products and Reports

Maine Economy

- MaineGraph; on-line economic data
- Retail Sales Quarterly Reports
- The Maine Economy: Year-end Review and Update
- Maine Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission Forecast
- Making the Connection in Maine; report on Maine telecommunications
- Golden Opportunity I and II; recommendations to promote Maine's retirement industry
- Report Card on Poverty
- Maine Census Data; on-line 2000 census data
- 30 and 1000: How To Build A Knowledge-based Economy in Maine and Raise Incomes To The National Average By 2010

Economic Impact Studies

- East-West Highway Feasibility Study
- Economic Impact of Maine's Forestry Referendum
- Fishing, Farming and Forestry: Resources for the Future

Energy

- Climate Change Action Plan
- Maine Heating Fuels Inventory Report
- Annual Report of the State Nuclear Safety Advisor

Natural Resources

- Resources 2001: A guide to publications available from the Maine Coastal Program
- *Ripple Effect* and *The Maine CoastLine*; newsletters
- State of the Maine Coast
- Coastlinks: A Resource Guide to Maine's Coastal Organizations
- Maine Coastweek Poster
- Gulf of Maine Watershed; map and poster
- The Maine Coast: Resources and Facilities; map and poster
- Coastal Water Access Priority Areas for Boating & Fishing
- Land for Maine's Future Board Biennial Report
- Land for Maine's Future Funding Proposal Workbook
- State Waste Management & Recycling Plan
- Maine Wetlands Conservation Plan

Land Use

- A variety of technical assistance publications to assist municipalities with community planning and land use management
- Cost of Sprawl Report
- Markets for Traditional Neighborhoods; an analysis of a survey of recent homebuyers
- Reviving Service Centers
- Expansion of Development; an executable download that portrays the past and future impact of sprawl in the State of Maine
- Report on an Education Strategy for Public Water Supply Protection

Governance

- Maine's Guide to Performance Measurement
- Proposal to Reduce the Cost of Government through Reform of Governmental Relations

Community Assistance

- A variety of technical assistance publications to assist communities with floodplain management, waste management and recycling, and code enforcement administration
- Maine Floodplain Management Handbook
- Floodplain maps and flood mitigation publications
- Getting the Message Out: A Recycling Promotion Guide
- Waste Management Services Directory; on-line listing of waste management & recycling services
- Municipal Code Enforcement Officers Certification Manual
- Legal Issues and Basic Enforcement Techniques

Community Service

- Volunteer Maine; on-line listings of volunteer opportunities
- Maine Service Exchange; on-line listing of volunteer consultants for nonprofits
- *AmeriCorps*; on-line information about service opportunities
- Annual Report of the Maine Commission on Community Service

SPO has an extensive resource library and web site with much more information.

www.state.me.us/spo

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Measures of Our Success

Forecasting our Economy

SPO's economic projections are relied upon by State budgeters, policy-makers and businesses.

- ❖ **Our Target:** We will maintain an average variance between actual performance for three economic indicators (population growth, per capita income, and wage and salary employment) compared to SPO's projection in the short-term economic forecast of +/-1% or less in three out of four years.



Balancing Conservation and Development

SPO is charged by the Legislature with developing state policy recommendations that attempt to balance the development and conservation of our natural resources.

- ❖ **Our Target:** The percent of Legislators, Governor's staff, and Commissioners who agree that they have the information they need to make decisions concerning the conservation and development of Maine's natural resources will remain at 70% or more.



Assisting the Governor & Legislature

SPO is frequently asked to undertake special projects by the Governor and Legislature.

- ❖ **Our Target:** SPO will conduct 18 special studies and projects for the Governor or Legislature per year.



Conserving Special Lands

Land conservation is important to long-term economic growth because so many people visit and live in Maine due to the availability of these lands.

- ❖ **Our Target:** The average number of acres of special and significant lands protected with Land for Maine's Future bond funds will be 15,000 acres per year for the next five years.



Promoting Efficient Growth

An indicator of the health of a region is the stability and growth of its service center community(ies).

- ❖ **Our Target:** Population decline in Maine's service centers will slow, and hold steady by 2010.



Working with Municipalities

Local services that are cost-effective and protect the safety and health of residents are important to Maine's future.

- ❖ **Our Target:** Our index of communities that have a certified code enforcement officer, a current flood-plain ordinance, and an effective recycling program will increase by 0.02 points per year from 0.70 in 2002.



Strengthening Community Service

Participation in volunteer activities is an excellent indicator of community vitality which bodes well for long-term economic growth.

- ❖ **Our Target:** Through 2005, no less than 70% of Maine adults will devote time, outside of regular responsibilities, to community service or civic activities.

Our Mission

The State Planning Office provides the information and analyses to help decision-makers make decisions about Maine's economy, resources, and governance.

Our Statutory Duties

1. Coordinate the development of the State's economy and energy resources with the conservation of its natural resources;
2. Provide technical assistance to the Governor and Legislature by undertaking special studies and plans and preparing policy alternatives;
3. Provide technical assistance to towns and regions;
4. Conduct continuing economic analyses, including economic forecasting.